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RURAL TELEPHONE EXCHANGE IN LOHARDAGGA .
DUKHA BHAGAT

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of rural telephone exchanges functioning in Lohardagga region of Bihar at present;

(b) whether the number of rural telephone exchanges in less than the requirement in the region;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) the number of persons on the waiting list for telephone connection in the region at present; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government in this regard and the time by which the waiting list is likely to be cleared?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS

(SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

(a) At present, 16 rural telephone exchanges are functioning in Lohardagga region of Bihar.

(b) & (c): At present, there are adequate number of exchanges in Lohardagga region for the current demand. However, there is a plan for expansion of Lohardagga exchange and new exchanges for Rampur and Kairo during the year 2000-2001.

(d) At present, 69 persons are on the waiting list for telephone connections in the region.

(e) Developmental works are being undertaken and the waiting list is likely to be wiped out by January 2001.